



# Harvey Road School News

## Newsletter 3

### 8 October 2021

Dear parents and carers

#### **Excellent Progress Award**

I am delighted to announce that William in class 3 has been awarded the prestigious Excellent Progress Award for his hard work and development in his writing. William is also the first person to ever receive one of these awards twice in his school career. Congratulations William – keep up the hard work!

#### **Relationships and Sex Education consultation**

Thank you to those of you who attended the RSE consultation meeting. The questions and dialogue was extremely helpful for governors and myself to gain a parental view on the teaching of this important area. In response some changes are being made to the policy and I shall be writing to you again next week to outline these.

#### **Roofing update**

The work on the school roof is progressing very quickly and we have a completion date of the end of half-term. We hope that by the time the children return after the break, the school will look much more like normal. Thank you for your patience while this work has been taking place.

#### **School safety**

Could I draw your attention to the following points regarding the safety of children on the school site:

1. Please remind your child/ren that they should not be riding their scooters when on the school site
2. The pedestrian path in front of the school is now fully accessible, please do not walk in or out of the school on the driveway or through the carpark
3. For those parents using the breakfast or after school clubs, please drive with care through the school car park, adhering to the 5mph speed restriction.

#### **Headteacher awards**

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Headteacher's award:

Year 1 – Phoebe, Isaac

Year 2 – Bram

Year 5 – Rishabh, Amelia, Moses

#### **Table tennis**

We are selling a full size table tennis table. Please contact the office if you are interested.

## Inspiration Day



On Monday, something very unusual happened in Harvey Road School. Around 9am the children noticed some very large eggs on a nest in the KS1 playground. Over the course of the morning, all classes went out to look at the eggs and lengthy discussions were had about what they were and where they had come from. It was certainly the buzz of the school. This discovery has inspired some amazing creative writing in each class - Class 2 have even written to David Attenborough to let him know about their discovery!

## Food orders

We are seeing an increasing number of children who come to the school hatch for a meal at lunchtime without it being pre-ordered. Please remember that meals need to be ordered 7 days in advance via the parentmail system. If meals are not pre-ordered you will now be asked to provide a packed lunch for the following 7 days to ensure there is sufficient food for those who have ordered a meal. Thank you for your support with this.

## Parent Consultations

These are taking place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Appointments have all been booked and links for the zoom meetings will be shared early next week.

**Don't forget that Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October is an early finish for all year groups, including nursery. School will close at 2.30pm on this day.** The after school club will be open from this time for parents who have pre-booked.

## School admissions

Just a reminder to our year 6 parents, that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October – with some schools requiring the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) before the half-term break. Please check with individual schools for their process.

Normally at this time of year we are beginning to welcome prospective parents into the school who would be looking for their children to start in Reception or Nursery in September 2022. To protect the school community, we have decided not to hold school tours for Reception this year. If you would like to know more about the process of applying for a Reception place or have broader questions about the school, please contact the school office. Parents need to apply for a place to the County Council by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

For Nursery 2022, applications are made directly to the school and will open on 31 January 2022. We are hoping to hold an Open morning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January for those interested in finding out more about our Nursery. Please contact the school office to book a place.

## School Governors

Our Governors are always available to parents who wish to discuss particular concerns or make suggestions for school improvement. Contact details are available from the school office.

**School assemblies**

Every Tuesday we invite guests to come and speak to the children about their faith, charity or special interest. These visitor assemblies are an important part of the provision of a broad curriculum at Harvey Road. We would love to involve more parents in this so if you have a particular interest, job, charity involvement or personal faith which you would be interested in sharing with the children, please do come and speak with me.

**Expanding the school library**

Thank you to those who have purchased a book or two from our amazon wish lists for the school library. We will keep the lists open so you can buy one at any time.

EYFS/KS1 - <https://amzn.eu/9EmaWP3>

KS2 - <https://amzn.eu/7qul5Or>

Kind regards,  
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